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UNCLE SAM'S FOREST RANGERS-#464

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CHICAGO OUTLET

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11:30-12:15 PM, CST

TIME

DECEMBER 12, 1941

DATE

FRIDAY

DAY

PRODUCTION

ANNOUNCER

ENGINEER

REMARKS

1. ANNOUNCER: Uncle Sams' Forest Rangers!
2. MUSIC: THEME
3. ANNOUNCER: The Priest River Experimental Forest, near Sandpoint, Idaho, is the scene, these days, of a very important forest conservation meeting. Some thirty forest officers, representing the various experiment stations and administrative branches of the Forest Service, are pooling all their knowledge and experience in the fields of forest fire research and fire control to establish a better coordinated, nationwide research program, a program designed to help America overcome one of her foremost evils - forest fire. Under consideration are the forest fire problems of the entire country. Specifically, these national fire experts are studying fire economics, dealing with the losses suffered through forest fires. They are analyzing current fire prevention needs to determine what additional action is needed to prevent forest fires. They are investigating fire behavior and, finally, they are considering the requirements of fire organization and management to do a more efficient and more effective job of combating the Nation's forest fires. Meanwhile, let's see what's happening on the Pine Cone National Forest. Ranger Jim Robbins and his assistant, Jerry Quick, are making a three-day general inspection trip of the forest. We join them as they travel along in Jim's pick-up truck.
24. SOUND: CAR IN MOTION, SUSTAIN
25. ~~ANNOUNCER~~ ~~and the background, that~~

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1. JERRY: Are we goin' to stop by and pay our respects to Mr. Dawson on
2. this trip, Jim?

3. JIM: Yeah, reckon so, Jerry. I like to stop and pass the time of day
4. with folks whenever I can, travelling through the forest. You
5. get to know your neighbors' problems that way and, often as
6. not, you might be of some help to 'em. I figure that's why
7. we're put on this earth - to help the other feller.

8. JERRY: (CHUCKLES) That's you all right, Jim. The good Samaritan.

9. JIM: No. It works both ways. I like to think this Forest Service
10. outfit of ours has gotten along as well as it has all these
11. years because we've tried to mix humanity with mechanical
12. efficiency..... because we've been sincere in trying to help
13. the local folks, and they've shown their appreciation by
14. cooperating the way they do.

15. JERRY: Sure. You're right, Jim, of course. But to get back to Al
16. Dawson. You and he never were bosom pals exactly, were you?
17. What I mean is, you two seem to have become especially friendly
18. lately.

19. JIM: (CHUCKLES) I reckon Al sorta changed his ideas about some thing
20. this past summer. Most of our arguin' in the past has been
21. about the damage a forest fire can do. He always thought we
22. overrated forest fires. Well, he learned to his sorrow that I
23. was right, and He's been man enough to admit it. I'll say that
24. for him.

25. JERRY: Huh? What happened, Jim?

1. JIM: Oh, some picnickers let a fire get out in his pine grove and it
2. sure raised hob. He swore up and down that was the last fire
3. he'd ever let get out in his woods, and he hasn't let a blessed
4. soul picnic on his land since. I told him he'd do just as
5. well if he put in a couple of fool-proof fire places and let the
6. folks enjoy themselves. Then he could sell buttermilk and the
7. like. But, no sir, "Ain't nobody gonna set foot in my pine
8. grove," he says.

9. JERRY: Yeah, and I bet he uses a pitch-fork to back it up, if I know
10. Al Dawson at all. . . Well, his place is just a little ways down
11. the road now.

12. JIM: By the way, Jerry. How come you're not griping about what
13. we're goin' to have for supper tonight?

14. JERRY: Aw, don't rub it in, Jim. . . I'll bet you'd a lot rather sit
15. down to one of Mrs. Robbins' sumptuous repasts, too, than to
16. chew onhardtack and beans like we're goin' to have to eat at
17. the Guard cabin tonight. Boy, wait'll we get back to the
18. Ranger Station tomorrow. I'm going to eat and eat and. . .

19. JIM: Looks like Al Dawson's got some visitors all ready, Jerry.
20. There's a roadster parked in front of his place. Maybe we'd
21. better just drive along, and see him on the way back.

22. JERRY: Yeah. . . Whoa! Wait a minute. I think we better stop. See
23. what I see, Jim?

24. JIM: Yeah. . . Al's got a man and woman lined up there, pointin' a
25. shotgun at 'em. I reckon we better stop. Pull up behind the
roadster, Jerry.

1. JERRY: Right.
2. CAR SLOWS DOWN, STOPS, DOORS OPEN AND SLAM SHUT
3. JERRY: I wonder what's up, Jim.
4. JIM: We'll find out soon enough. . . Hello, Al.
5. AL: (OFF) Hello, Jim. I'm sure glad you came along. Looks like I
6. got me a couple foreign agents or something, here. Yes sir!
7. FREDA: (ACCENT) That is not right. We are not, what you say, foreign
8. agents.
9. EDWARD: (ACCENT) My wife, she speaks the truth. We meant no harm. We
10. stopped here only to eat a little lunch.
11. AL: Trespassin' is what I call it.
12. ED: We did not think that in America we would find a gun pointed at
13. us this way. We saw that in Europe, but not here, not before
14. this day.
15. JIM: Put your gun down, Al. I don't think these folks mean any
16. harm.
17. AL: You don't huh? Then what they got in that black box theret
18. HUH? They were openin' that box when I come on 'em in my pine
19. grove and they sure closed it quick when they saw me.
20. FREDA: It is not any of your business what is in this box.
21. AL: It ain't, huh? Well, the Sheriff'll make it his business, I
22. betcha. If you ask me, Jim there's a radio or something in that
23. box. Yes sir. These people are spyin' on us, Jim. That's
24. what they are.
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1. JIM: (CHUCKLES) I don't know, Al. Seems to me this wouldn't be a
2. very likely place for spying operations, up here in the forest.
3. They look like just plain folks to me.

4. ED: Thank you, sir. Allow me to introduce myself. I am Edward
5. Marko. This is my wife, Freda. I am employed as an engineer
6. in Elk City. Today, we have been in America for one whole
7. year. We wanted only to. . .

8. AL: There. You hear that, Jim? I bet he's with some outfit workin'
9. on defense orders an' he's got some secret dope he wants to
10. send. . .

11. JIM: I'm Ranger Jim Robbins. This is my assistant, Jerry Quick.
12. F & E: How do you do.
13. JERRY: How do you do.
14. AL: Seems to me you're gettin' mighty formal, Jim.
15. JERRY: I agree with Jim, Mr. Dawson. These folks just stopped to picnic.
16. that's all.
17. AL: Oh, yeah? Then how come they're so cagey about that black box?
18. Maybe they're gonna blow up something.
19. JIM: I don't think so, Al. I guess the black box is their business,
20. like Mrs. Marko said.
21. FREDA: We have been in America for one year now, Mr. Ranger. Today,
22. Edward get permission to take day off, like you Americans say,
23. and we ride into the country. We see this beautiful pine forest
24. and we decide to have lunch here. We do not know that is not
25. allowed.

1. ED: You forget one thing, Freda. We should tell these gentlemen we
2. have already ask for our first citizenship papers.

3. JIM: That's fine. Mighty fine.

4. AL: Just the same I'm for lettin' the Sheriff do a little
5. investigatin' here.

6. JIM: H-m-m. Maybe you're right, Al . . .

7. JERRY: Why, Jim, you oughtn't. . .

8. JIM: Let me finish, Jerry. . . Al, I've been thinkin'. Suppose
9. you turn these folks over to Jerry and me? We'll take 'em off
10. your hands.

11. AL: Okay, Jim. You better watch 'em close, though.

12. JIM: Yep. (CLEAR THROAT) Mr. Marko, we're not law officers, Jerry
13. and I, that is. . . uh. . . unless we're on the National
14. Forest. So I'd take it as a favor if you'll just trust my
15. judgement in this matter and be good enough to follow us in your
16. car. Will you do that?

17. JERRY: But Jim. . . we weren't plannin' to go to. . .

18. AL: Huh? What's that?

19. JIM: We've got a duty to perform here, Jerry. Yes. . . a clearout
20. duty, as good American citizens.

21. ED: We will do as you wish, Mr. Ranger. . . I am sorry, Freda, that
22. our day has turned out this way. But everything will be all
23. right, I know.

24. JIM: Well, suppose we get goin' then. I got a feeling that, as you
25. say, Mr. Marko, everything will turn out (FADE) all right.

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

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1. FADE IN CAR IN MOTION

2. JERRY: Jim, I don't get this at all. You know blamed well those folks in the car behind us are all right. Then you do a complete face-about and tell Dawson you'll take 'em into town, to see the sheriff.

3. 4. 5. JIM: Whoa, Jerry. Hold your horses, a minute, I don't recollect mentioning the Sheriff, myself. What I said was, I'd take 'em off Al Dawson's hands. . . Well, we're almost there. Go right at this next turn, Jerry.

6. 7. 8. 9. 10. JERRY: That leads to the. . . Okay Jim, I get it. I should've known all along you wouldn't take the Markos to. . .

11. 12. JIM: All right, Jerry. Let's stop here in this parking area.

13. JERRY: Yes sir!

14. CAR SLOWS DOWN, STOPS, OTHER CAR COMES ON, STOPS, DOORS OPEN AND CLOSE

15. ED: (COMING ON) Why are we stopping here, Mr. Ranger? I do not understand?

16. JERRY: (CHUCKLES) You will in a minute, Mr. Marko. . . Are you all right, Mrs. Marko?

17. FREDA: Well, I am not so worried as I have been, if that is what you mean, Mr. Quick. But I am like Edward. I am puzzled that we should stop here in this so beautiful place when. . .

18. JIM: Mr. Marko. . . Mrs. Marko, this place is the Blue Lake Recreation Area. It's a public campground in the Pine Cone National Forest. I think you can finish your day's outing here without being disturbed.

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1. ED: But what of going to town? And of seeing the police officer?

2. JIM: Mr. Marko, when you've been as close to nature and people as I have been all these years you don't often get fooled about folks.

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5. JERRY: Sure. We didn't put any stock in Mr. Dawson's story.

6. FREDA: You are very kind. Both of you are very kind. But this . . .

7. this Mr. Dawson?

8. JIM: Oh, it'll be all right, Mrs. Marko. Al's just sort of soured on having people in his woods after somebody let a fire get started in 'em last summer. And besides, I got a notion he's been readin' too many detective stories.... Next time I go see him I'll bring him a book like....say, Robinson Crusoe.

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13. JERRY: Jim, don't you think I ought to show the Markos around?

14. JIM: No, Jerry, they'll get more fun explorin' the recreation area themselves.... You folks just take that path you see leading into the woods there. You'll find picnic tables and fireplaces and, well, everything you need to have a good time in the forest.

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19. FREDA: It will be wonderful. You have made us very happy, sir.

20. JIM: This will be quite a popular place when the snow gets deeper around here. If you like ice skating or skiing. . .

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22. FREDA: Did you hear, Edward? Just like in the old days.

23. ED: Yes, Freda... We are much in your debt, Mr. Ranger. This is a very happy day for us. We should like to have the privilege of visiting with you sometime. . . Freda, I have told you, Americans are very nice people....

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1. JIM: Well, Jerry, we better be rollin'. Got supper to get, remember...

2. JERRY: Yeah, don't remind me...So long, Mr. Marko. Mrs. Marko. Enjoy yourselves.

3. JIM: The Ranger Stations just outside the town of Winding Creek. Be glad to see you any time.

4. ED: (OFF) Thank you.

5. JERRY: I was enjoyin' myself up 'til when you mentioned supper, Jim. Shucks,hardtack and beans. . . Say, I wonder what was in that black box. Did you notice how carefully they handled it?

6. JIM: Something personal, I s'pose. Whatever it is I don't think it's anything like Al Dawson suspected. . . Unlessss I'm all wrong, those Markos are goin' to make fine American citizens. They don't. . .

7. ED: (CALLS FROM OFF) Mr. Ranger, Mr. Ranger!!!

8. JIM: What's that, Jerry?

9. JERRY: Somebody's calling us, Jim. It's Mr. Marko.

10. JIM: Yeah, he wants us to come back. (SHOUTS) All right!

11. JERRY: Now what?

12. JIM: Suppose we find out. . . What's the trouble, Mr. Marko?

13. ED: Gentlemen, we have been very rude, Freda and I.

14. FREDA: Yes, we have been so excited, we have forgotten our manners.

15. JIM: I'm not sure I understand, ma'am.

16. ED: It is very simple. The least we could have done was to have invited you to share our food with us.

1. JIM: Oh, that's not at all necessary. You folks came out here to be by yourselves, and Jerry and me wouldn't want to horn in.

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3. FREDA: You would not, how you say it, be horning in. We are proud if you will eat with us. You have been so very kind.

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5. ED: Yes. You have been very kind.

6. FREDA: LAUGHS

7. ED: Why do you laugh, Freda?

8. FREDA: I am sure these gentlemn must be curious about our big box,

9. Edward.

10. JERRY: Not at all, Mrs. Marko. It's none of our business, we figure.

11. FREDA: Oh, but yes. You explain to these gentlemen, Edward.

12. ED: Yes. You see, when we plan this little holiday, Freda and I, we decide it will be nice, if, after one whole year, we get food to eat which we have not eaten since we have been in America....

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15. FREDA: (HASTILY) We do not mean we do not like American food. Oh,

16. no. It is very good. But we feel we should like to have, once

17. more, the kind of food we have been accustomed to eat in the old

18. country.

19. ED: Yes. And friends in New York have been kind to send us such food.

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21. JIM: So you've got a big box full of special food, huh?

22. ED: That is right. We thought, Freda and I, that the other gentleman, Mr. Dawson, well, that he might spoil our nice things if he took our box.

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25. JIM: (CHUCKLES) Well, Al mighta been a little rough with it.

1. FREDA: We have excellent cheeses, and salomis, and beautiful little
2. European cakes and many other things. We should be happy if
3. you will stay and partake of these things with us.
4. JIM: What do you think, Jerry?
5. FREDA: Of course, if you gentlemn have other plans. Perhaps you would
6. have a more hearty meal.....
7. JERRY: (HASTILY) No ma'am. No indeed. We...uh...we should be very
8. happy to avail ourselves of your kind invitation. (FADE) oh
9. boy, I'll say we will!
10. MUSICAL INTERLUDE
11. ANNOUNCER: Uncle Sam's Forest Rangers come to you each Friday on the
12. National Farm and Home Hour as a presentation of the National
13. Broadcasting Company with the cooperation of the Forest
14. Service, United States Department of Agriculture.
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